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SUBJECT: LAINO CASE: WOLA REPRESENTATIVES' VISIT

REF ASUNCION 2991

1. WOLA REPRESENTATIVES WILLIAM B. BROWN AND JO MARIE GRIESGRABER HELD PRESS MEETING LATE AFTERNOON JULY 25. PREPARED STATEMENT WHICH WAS HANDED OUT TO PRESS GAVE WOLA'S BACKGROUND, THE REASON WHY THE WOLA REPS HAD TRAVELED TO PARAGUAY AND THE INACCURACIES IN THE POLICE CHARGES AGAINST WOLA AND WOLA REP JO MARIE GRIESGRABER IN THE LAINO CASE. TEXT OF OLA STATEMENT BEING SENT SEPTEL.

2. DURING THE FOLLOWING QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD, PRESS INTEREST CENTERED ON WHY WOLA HAD INVITED LAINO TO THE US; HOW WOLA RECEIVED ITS INFORMATION AND WHAT GROUPS IT ASSOCIATED WITH, E.G. "DID WOLA WORK WITH THE MONTONEROS?"; AND HOW THE POLICE CHARGE RELATED TO MS. GRIESGRABER. ALL QUESTIONS WERE ANSWERED IN A FRANK AND OPEN MANNER. THE WOLA REP DEFTLY TURNED ASIDE A QUESTION REGARDING WOLA'S OPINION OF THE PARAGUAYAN GOVERNMENT BY CALLING REPORTERS' ATTENTION TO THE IAHRC AND ILHR REPORTS ON PARAGUAY AND NOTING THAT THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAD FOUND A SERIOUS SITUATION IN PARAGUAY.

3. TWO LEADING MORNING DAILIES JULY 26 CARRIED COMPLETE REPORTS

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ON WOLA MEETING. "HOY" PUBLISHED COMPLETE TEXT OF STATEMENT WHILE "ABC" COVERED PART OF STATEMENT AND MOST OF THE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

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